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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM:KLM CAPACITY ISSUE

S/S NO.

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM KATZ

REF: THE HAGUE 4292

1. US RECHED MODUS VIVENDI WITH DUTCH ON KLM CAPACITY ISSUE
SPRING 1975. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS THIS UNDERSTANDING WERE
THAT KLM WOULD EXERCISE TRANSATLANTIC AIRLINE CAPACITY
RESTRAINT AND THAT US WOULD DEFER RAISING CAPACITY ISSUE AT
LEAST UNTIL NEW US INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY STATEMENT
ISSUED. IT IS LIKELY THIS STATEMENT WILL BE SENT TO THE
PRESIDENT SHORTLY. HOWEVER,FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, NOT THE
LEAST OF WHICH IS THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN A MAJOR RENEG-
OTIATION OF THE MODEL BERMUDA AGREEMENT WITH THE BRITISH,
IT IS UNLIKELY WE WILL TAKE UP KLM CAPACITY QUESTION WITH
THE DUTCH IN NEAR FUTURE.HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ITS PRECEDENT-
IAL CHARACTER, ANY NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE UK COULD AFFECT
OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE KLM CAPACITY ISSUE. THE DUTCH
ARE,IN FACT,CONCERNED THAT A MORE RESTRICTIVE US-UK AGREE-
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MENT COULD LEAD THE US TO TAKE A SIMILAR POSTURE

WITH THEM.

2. PROPOSED Q AND A'S (IF RAISED)

Q: CAN YOU TELL US IF THE US PLANS TO RAISE THE KLM
CAPACITY QUESTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A: YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE AGREED IN SPRING 1975 TO DEFER
PURSUING THE KLM QUESTION UNTIL THE US HAD COMPLETED A NEW
INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY STATEMENT. SUCH A STATEMENT
IS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

Q: IS THERE A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN THE US-UK RENEGOTIATIO
N OF THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT AND THE KLM ISSUE/

A; THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT HAS SERVED AS THE BASIS ON WHICH
THE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM HAS DEVELOPED DURING THE
PAST 30 YEARS. THE US-NETHERLANDS AGREEMENT IS MODELED ON
THAT AGREEMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT ANY SUCCESS
OR TO THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT WILL PLAY THE SAME ROLE IN
THE FUTURE. ROBINSON

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